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AMENDMENT B

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 8, 13, 15 and 17-20, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claim 36 as follows:

36 (amended) A method of fabricating an arc-quenching tube via the winding of a first fiber in one or more winding passes, the method comprising winding the arc-quenching tube such that the first fiber lays flat and does not overlap in each of the one or more winding passes whereby uniformity is achieved in the thickness of the tube, the method further comprising forming a predetermined taper within the arc-quenching tube wherein the predetermined taper defines a minimum predetermined wall thickness of the tube, the uniformity being such that variations in the thickness of the tube are significantly less than the minimum predetermined wall